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WHEN OPERA GLASSES AREN'T WORKING
PORTERHOUSE BLUE

TOM SHARP

In a semi detached house in the suburbs a cockerel crows for the Dawning of a new age of Reason and understand .
Father is straightening his tie in front of a hall mirror next to a mahogany bureau when his son bounds down the stairs .
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Us young men must have our time to relax, it’s not all work work work, dad.
CHRISTOPHER NEWTON My thoughts exactly son, but try and be ready for the game against the postmen on SUNDAY, that MINTY ROBINSON has been down the porthole bragging that his team will win on SUNDAY .
STRINGFELLOW SHAW We’ll beat the postmen for you dad
CHRISTOPHER That’s the fighting spirit son, I’ll tell them down at the pub and you'll give them a match to remember.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Mineral water is less gassy and has no bitter aftertaste .
SALLY opens the front door with two shopping bags and steps into the hallway.
SALLY You should see the traffic in town center this morning, the bus was stuck there.
CHRISTOPHER Never mind, I’ll take the shopping and unpack .STRINGFELLOW I won’t be home this weekend and don’t cook me anything.
SALLY More of that foundation business I’ll be bound.
CHRISTOPHER Alright then Have a good time.
Stringfellow I’ll help you put that frozen chicken in the freezer

cabinet mum , and yes everyone enjoyed the banger racing. It looked dangerous for those drivers though.

They carry on along the hallway and out through the kitchen door to there chest freezer in the garage.

Stringfellow So you went to a nice restaurant for your birthday is that right.
Sally We had a great time, and the good news is that Christopher has been called for a second interview and shall get that coach drivers job he went for this week.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW BYE MUM .

He walks through the front door down the garden path then takes a left through a maze of semi-detached houses on his way to JAMES GRAINGERS .. At the zebra crossing a pigeon fly's and starts pecking at a sesame seed bun .

At JAMES GRANGER house, James passes his father in the living room reading the paper.
JAMES GRANGER I'll be away for the weekend but Keith will come round tomorrow to take the dog for a walk.Here have a look at this. It's the latest edition of the foundation magazine with us on the cover playing cricket .
WILLIAM Ok lad that's right, I'll have lots of patients to push around from recovery ward and theaters at the hospital.

James leaves the living room and walks to the kitchen where Margery is preparing A TRAY FOR MRS Aspinal
He takes the tray upstairs and knocks on the door of his auntie and after a few seconds here's "come in "then enters
ASPINAL oh it's you James, my favorite nephew.

Mrs A is watching THE YOUNG AND RESTLESS while knitting a multi coloured tank top for her favorite grandson.
JAMES Cheer up grandma you thought you were back at the home didn't you
Mrs Aspinal I miss those ex insurance salesmen throwing a beach ball over a washing line to the East German army officers the other side as matron comes down the garden path to Roger Figis and me .
JAMES I hear they had one of the best LIBRARIES in the golden years circuit gran .
MRS ASPINAL SMALL BUT RATHER GOOD .
JAMES Those big men are coming to take you to the day center and will be here in about an hour, so don't be late. I must take Muttley for a walk along the canal before Stringfellow arrives .

He leaves and bounds downstairs and along the hallway adorned with floral prints and china ducks to the back of the house, collecting the dog lead. Muttley is waiting outside and he clips him on and walks out the back door . A few yards along the pavement James pulls on the lead to slow his Alsatian just as Rodney, his Pe instructor, runs past him.
A pigeon flies down from a street lamp and starts picking at a sesame seed bun dropped from a BIG MAC .

RODNEY I'll get you fit next season James I'm coming down hard on you slug heads.
JAMES Really sir and that snap shot of you in the PINK PELICAN prancing around like a tit is on the school magazine.
RODNEY You can't I'll tell the headmaster.
JAMES I DIDN'T MEAN THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL MAGAZINE SIR.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW has made it through the field to a canal next to the fisherman with the garden trowel digging for a worms by the river bank , when the dogs being from a run they take it back to the house and maneuver through the maze of semi detached houses until they get to the front gates of their school .
The other students are walking through the dining room and into the main assembly hall past teachers standing at the entrance to administration office as the headmaster and his secretary walk down the charcoal gray tiled carpet and join them . DENHAM leads all the teachers through the kids and up onto the stage .

STRINGFELLOW they've already called the register and we're late for assembly .
JAMES GRAINGER That's my fault for meeting Keith and taking our dog for an extra long walk LORA DENHAM Been difficult to get more associate members so I thought the best place to be to CRAPSTAN VILLAS Rufus lives .

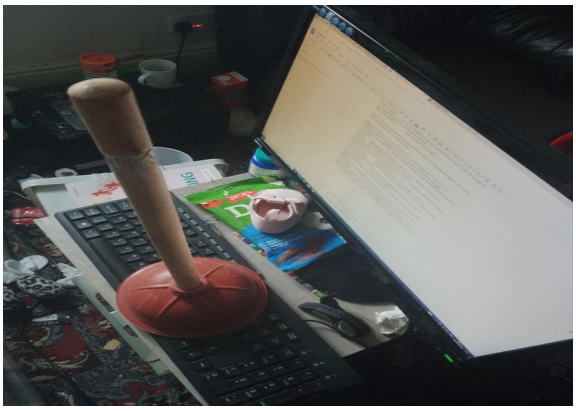
The headmaster comes to his lectern and addresses all the students .
DENHAM We are at the start of a new school year for most of you it's welcome back especially the younger ones a new school is like a road that stretches ahead for miles and miles.
JENNY He says this at the start of every school year and he thinks it's wonderful
DENHAM the Highways and byways of education welcome good traffic .
IAN CHESTERFIELD He's like my vicar after he's been at the Communion wine all night.
KEVIN FORTESQUE I'm glad we never win anything I couldn't stand this speech of congratulations .
DENHAM Keeping you on the right road are your teachers, hand Picked for their excellence and dedication to Duty .Sometimes on that road you come to a sign that says Road closed and when that happens you have to ask

yourself why is that road closed ? And STEVE MAQUEEN That is when you ask your teacher for an explanation .
SARAH DULOP As I call your name out ,you can come and collect your head boy or girl arm band from Bernice.
DENHAM Well done for voting yourselves a leader for each year,
BERNICE To those who didn't win, we would say " it's nice to be important, but its important to be nice.
DENHAM Once again i would like you all to stand and sing the school anthem to our patron Saints," He lifts his hand indicating the two large pictures hanging in front of the back curtain above his teaching staff.
STRINGFELLOW Don't forget I've promised that we shall discuss this program of events in full and fix a date for a return visit to Felixtow.
JERAMY Alright then, me and Tim might go on the pier and see MADAM ZARA next to the novelty rock emporium and have our cards marked again.
JAMES HAVE YOUR CARDS MARKED, IS THAT LEGAL.
kevin fortesque If you can all stand now and sing the school anthem if Mrs Palmer would be so kind .

Mrs Palmer starts them off from the piano and they sing the school anthem .
Saying is bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
The first lesson is mathematics with all the Trafalgar gang make it and class 5B Simon Musgrave comes in late and stands at the door while 7Umm.Huh.1. turns from the Blackboard but chalk in hand .

PURCY INGLE change your ways Oh, you won't pass your exams?Why are you late?
SIMON MUSGRAVE I never saw the notice board .
PURCY INGLE everybody else did you can read can't you boy or there's plenty of room in the LITERACY AND NUMERACY BASIC CLASS
SARAH DUNLOP which for a GCE student who'd be rather embarrassing
SIMON MUSGRAVE I always thought I'd be better off as a maintenance man Especially for block sinks and drains I'm very good with the sink plunger .
PURCY INGLEY ha ha So.all right I'll forgive you as long as you point that sink plunger at my friends and graduates of this comprehensive .

ANN FITZGERALD Especially when we're naked .



Prasilla Morley the Mathematics teacher comes into the room carrying test papers , and walks down the isles giving one to each student.

PRESILLA MORLEY This is the start of you’re A level syllabus and I want you to be comfortable with these equations before I move on to more advanced calculus.
“ I should coco” says David after seeing her ample cleavage , when she puts his the test paper on his desk.
Michael SPECIALIZED IN THERMODYNAMICS AT ST OSCARS UNIVERSITY.
GRAHAM Did you realy mate, where did that come from.
Micheal SULIVAN I’m having another of my funny turns.Square on the hypotenuse is equal to the Sum of the squares on the other two sides .
PERCY INGLE TRIGONOMETRY, that's what i'm hear to teach you .
MICHAEL SULIVAN Picture the scene is an icy surface and you have to erect a ladder how is trigonometry gonna help
DAVID GARDNER That says genuine mathematical question from a student .
PRACILLA MORLEY I'll talk to you later about it
STRINGFELLOW SHAW More to the point how do you find the angles of an isosceles triangle .
SIMON MUSGRAVE The square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides .
PERCY INGLE That isn't actually trigonometry but it's similar
PRESILLA MORLEY That means you know trigonometry by the skin of your teeth
GRAHAM I want to know is that what angle to put the ladders so it doesn't fall and I broke break a bone
STRINGFELLOW SHAW So once you've climbed the street lamp you're a full member of the Trafalgar Gang .
SIMON MUSGRAVE If you need to an erect a ladder you only you need an angle or a length you don't need an equation
PERCY INGLE Equations are simple and you can use them to work out

the lengths of the sides of the triangle as in the angle of the ladder .
STANLEY RATCHET You have to measure the length of one side before working out the equation
TIM CURRY Then you might as well as a measured all three sides and you still don't know if the ladder will be secure and you fall down or break your neck .
STANLEY RATCHET Why do they hang us ?if they rang our necks we'd volunteer .
PERCY INGLE what are you talking about
SIMON MUSGRAVE Kentucky Fried Chicken sir .
STRINGFELLOW SHAW In conclusion the relative sizes of the sides of a triangle are only useful if your math producing protractors and you only need to use a protractor occasionally .
GRAHAM I's CHEMISTRY as difficult .
MICHAEL SULLIVAN You only became head boy because your father owns the corner shop
I should have won on your political accumen like Robert Chambers and his INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SIMON MUSGRAVE I thought I could become Head boy by tieing me own shoelaces .
STANLEY RATCHET you you haven't got a chance you're not even in the Trafalgar gang .
SIMON MUSGRAVE and what pray tell is the Trafalgar gang
DAVID MANNING well I'm glad you aSKED
TIM CURRY[CREAM SLACKS LEMON JUMPER] Tell you what Simon You can join the Trafalgar gang
DAVID MANNING If you like it's a sort of secret society
JEROMY FITZOLIVER Yeah sort of secret society can't tell you until you remember why then it won't be a secret would it .
DAVID GARDNER Take initiation test see if your suitable .
SIMON MUSGRAVE What sort of test .
JAMES GRAINGER You have to climb that street lamp and get that cap and fling it on this traffic cone
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Will be moving around to give you an alibi in case you're seeing just cause your chicken
STANLEY RATCHET yeah twice just cuz your to chicken to watch EMMERDALE FARM encase SETH ARMSTREONG rings a rabbits kneck .
DAVID MANNING Don't you mean CORONATION STREET encase KEN BARLOW curries a chicken with coconut milk and saffron powder .
SIMON MUSGRAVE alright you show me how to do it and I will
STRINGFELLOW SHAW yes easy course we've all done it

AFTER SCHOOL STRINGFELLOW say goodbye to his friends of class 5b and he and James walk through a maize of smi detached houses toward town center where we

both have an appointment with parents.James has to help his mother pick paper for the impending arrival of his Mrs Aspinal , who’s leaving here old peoples home and coming to stay for the holidays.
Margery Grainger is waiting outside the ARNDALE CENTRE reading a copy of the Big Issue that she has just bought of a vendor standing near the main doors.

Margery Grainger I want Mrs Aspinal’s room to look bright and breezy for her return James
JAMES GRANGER Which might be a challenge in that box room but we could get lucky with the wallpaper.

They go into shopping center and pass a cafe on the left with hot coffee wafting out of the front door. Sir Richard Richard, the shopping center cleaner is mopping up a spillage from the front entrance to Sainsburies.As they pass him I see David Gardner coming in with his younger brother.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW What’s new with you guys then .
David Gardner Just bringing the lad here to get some clobber in the Winter sales mate.
“ is that so” says James as he catches up “that shop over there offers crazy prices on casual cloths you would be mad to miss.

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Stringfellow’s mum comes out of Bejams carrying frozen chicken and comes over to them.

DAVID GARDENER It might be worth investigating then, , lets go “ he says to his younger brother. “
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Shall i see you lot at the lair later usual time and place.
DAVID GARDENER I’m waiting in for a Nurse to arrive and change the dressing on me nans leg ulsur mate what fun. So i may not make it tonight.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Alright text me later , He turns to the rest of them . I’m going to catch up with dad , see you later.

James and his mother carry on along to a home decorating shop and as they reach a set of escalators aand at the top James and Margery are drawn to a kiosk where a woman is serving trays of buttered scones.

BRIAN FULLER You can take the Krona margarine challenge today ladies,

BRIAN FULLER can you taste the genuine krona margarine from other popular brands

Assistant offers a plate of hot cross buns .

BRIAN FULLER We are getting reports that housewives in Australia are demonstrating on Sydney Harbour about a delay in shipments of Krona margarine.
LESLIE CROWTHER We are reporting that , in tests 8 out 0f 10 housewives prefer it.
JAMES Go on then mum look at that golden toped scone. I'll hold your shopping bags.
MARGERY Bits into the pastry and considers its salty goodness.
BRIAN FULLER What do you think then ladies, does it rejuvenate the senses.
MARGERY It's very nice brian, though our family has been with stork SB for our winter puddings and cakes going back to my mum's cooking. Since me mam gave me her plum pudding recipe on her death bed I've use stork SB
BRIAN THANKS FOR TAKING TIME OUT LADIES, enjoy yourselves.
JAMES Let's get to he home decorating shop then mum, Mrs Aspinal is coming out next week and dad wants to get started.
MARGERY What with those early shifts at the Hospital he is going to be very busy.

STRINGFELLOW made it to Slug and lettuce, over Crushed velvet and stepping up through the mahogany balustrade to an alcove table where his dad is waiting for him .STRINGFELLOW sips from his bottle and opens his MACOY'S .

CHRIS I'm thinking of coming out of retirement son , and driving coaches for special events.
STRINGFELLOW You haven't driven a bus in ten years dad, are you sure you are still up to it.
CHRIS I'll get to Go on outings to events all over the country son, its an opportunity.
STRINGFELLOW Alright then if your sure its what you Want to come out of retirement.

CHRIS Just sign this birthday card for you mother now will you, and have your boys ready for this shopping center team on Sunday.
STRINGFELLOW Oh the STRETCH ARMSTRONGS ? If our PE teacher’s don’t drain us of all our natural juices then we'll take on these shop assistants and security guards . There customer service training wont prepare them for us.
CHRIS Right then gotta get my dry cleaning for my interview at the bus garage , I’ll see you later.

They leave the pub and STRINGFELLOWs dad goes back to the shopping centre while he heads along the high street. As he crosses the ring road he sees STANLEY RATCHET'S dad coming out of a basement flat next to the NEWTOWN DENTAL PRACTICE, followed by this woman in a green bask, stockings and suspenders. As I got nearer it turned out to be, MARTA HARI.

MARTA HARI I’ll be on the touchline on saturday when you play the STRETCH ARMSTRONGS from the ARNDALE CENTER ..
STRINGFELLOW Superb Marta, though we’re taking an oath of Celibacy, and there won’t be a “ Stone faced killer “ after the match like when we played the FELIXSTOWE PHANTOMS last week .

THE END